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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES-PAYMENT OF US ASSESSMENT URGED

1. UN DEPUTY CONTROLLER ZIEHL CALLED IN MISOFF OCTOBER 21 TO SPELL OUT IN DETAIL UN'S CURRENT CRITICAL CASH SITUATION AND URGED THAT USG MAKE AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF \$20 MILLION ON ITS 1975 ASSESSMENT BEFORE END OF OCTOBER. ZIEHL'S PLEA WAS AT BEHEST OF USYG DAVIDSON AND ASYG DEBATIN. IF US FAILS TO MAKE THIS MINIMUM PAYMENT, ZIEHL SAID UN WILL RUN OUT OF MONEY AND EVEN DEPLETING UNEF/UNDOF SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO COVER REGULAR BUDGET WILL NOT SUFFICE TO MEET CURRENT EXPENSES.

2. ZIEHL ALSO URGED THAT US MAKE ITS FINAL \$17.3 MILLION PAYMENT FOR THIS YEAR AT LATEST BY SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER BUT PREFERABLY AT SAME TIME AS \$20 MILLION PAYMENT. ASSUMING THESE TWO PAYMENTS ARE MADE, ACCORDING TO TABLE ZIEHL SHOWED MISOFF UN CAN PROBABLY KEEP ITS HEAD ABOVE WATER UNTIL END OF YEAR BUT ONLY THROUGH CONTINUED RECOURSE TO UNEF/UNDOF FUNDS. CASH POSITION OF UN WILL BECOME CRITICAL AGAIN EARLY IN 1976 IF USUAL PATTERN OF PAYMENTS BY MEMBER STATES FOLLOWED.

3. MEMCON ON MEETING WITH ZIEHL INCLUDING PERTINENT DATA POUCHED IO/SEC - HENNES.

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4. COMMENT: FULL PAYMENT BY USG OF BALANCE REMAINING ON ITS CY

1975 UN ASSESSMENT SOONEST ALSO WOULD ASSIST USDELIN RESISTING
EFFORTS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE TO DOUBLE WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT EXPEDITE PAYMENT IN FULL OF
OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF USG ASSESSMENT. AS MINIMUM, AMOUNT OF
\$20 MILLION BE PAID TO UN BEFORE OCTOBER 31.
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